# UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING April 3, 2006

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room 210 at the Indiana University Research Park at 501 North Morton Street in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, John Whikehart, Jeff Ehman and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Mike Hicks, Vickie Renfrow, Mike Bengton, Jane Fleig, Patrick Stoffers, Adam Wason, Mike Trexler, Rachel Atz, Tom Staley, John Langley and Nathan Schulte. Others present: Sean Bright and Sarah Hempstead representing Schmidt Associates, Donnie Ginn representing Black & Veatch, Sarah Morin representing the Herald Times, Margaret Fette representing the Libertarian Party, Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates and Andrew Franklin.

## MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER EHMAN MOVED AND BOARD MEMBER SANDBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2006 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES, 2 MEMBERS ABSENT, (HENKE AND VAUGHT).

#### CLAIMS

BOARDMEMBER EHMAN MOVED AND BOARDMEMBER WHIKEHART SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

CLAIMS 0690414 THROUGH 0690490 INCLUDIING \$131,281.34 FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND, \$95,348.76 FROM THE WATER CONSTRUCTION FUND AND \$750.00 FOR WATER HYDRANT METER RENTAL FOR A TOTAL OF \$227,380.10 FROM THE WATER UTILITY; CLAIMS 0630252 THROUGH 0630295 INCLUDING \$164,257.84 FROM THE WASTEWATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$164,257.84 FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY; AND CLAIM 0670020 THROUGH CLAIM 0670021 FOR A TOTAL OF \$11,914.84 FROM THE WASTEWATER/ STORMWATER UTILITY. TOTAL CLAIMS APPROVED – \$403,555.78.

Board member Ehman asked about claim 0690446 for Ice Miller. He asked if that would be the last bill from them. Utilities Director Murphy said that he expected that to be the final invoice related to the legal case with the Country Club.

Board member Sandberg asked that the new members of the USB be given an explanation of the circled items on the claims list. Director Murphy explained that those are expenses that are related to the fire.

MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES, 2 MEMBERS ABSENT, (HENKE AND VAUGHT).

#### **BUILDING SITE PLAN UPDATE:**

Sean Bright of Schmidt Associates gave a presentation of the plans for the new Utilities Administrative Building. He explained that the project has been guided by four major goals that the building should accomplish. There should be an expression of purpose and an increased functionality that would enhance the way that employees interact with each other. Also as a public Utility the building should express a stewardship of resources and finally it needs to incorporate future growth of the Utilities. Mr. Bright presented a site plan, floor plans, three main elevations and a 3D model.

Board member Roberts asked how it would work for 75% of the staff to have views of daylight. Mr. Bright pointed out that the windows are very tall and there won't be full height walls to block the light.

Board President Swafford asked for an update on the timeline. Mr. Bright replied that it should be ready for bidding by mid June of this year. They expect to come to the USB in late July or early August for approval of the contract. Construction should be completed by June of 2007.

Board member Sandberg asked about a wind turbine that would be pursued if a grant could be obtained. Mr. Bright explained that there is a cell tower on the back of the site. The architects are looking at the possibility of mounting a small wind turbine on the tower. It could generate between 10 and 15 thousand kilowatt hours per year that would be linked directly into the Utilities' electrical grid. He said that these smaller turbines are not very noisy.

Board member Roberts asked about bike racks for people who would like to ride a bike to work. Mr. Bright said that was an excellent point that the people at Schmitt would have to look into.

Board member Micuda mentioned that the City of Bloomington's zoning code would require bike racks.

AMENDMENT D TO THE BLACK & VEATCH CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Attorney Renfrow with the City of Bloomington Legal Department said that this is just an amendment to the contract to continue Black & Veatch's consulting services until the end of the project. It is not to exceed the amount of \$100,000.

BOARD MEMBER WHIKEHART MOVED AND BOARD MEMBER SANDBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT D TO THE BLACK & VEATCH CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES. 2 MEMBERS ABSENT, (HENKE AND VAUGHT).

BLUCHER POOLE CLARIFYING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson explained that this project is approaching completion. The original Engineering Probability Costs was 1.2 million dollars, the bid came in at \$850,000. This change order will cause a \$67,000 deduction. This was due to a proposed change in the painting of equipment which was done in a controlled environment at the fabricators. They offered an extended warrantee that was accepted. Secondly the floors of the clarifiers did not require the expected 2" top coating which allowed another deduction. Thirdly, each tank has a relief valve in the bottom of them. Quite a few of the valves were stuck and the expectation was that they would have to be replaced.

As it turned out the contractor did some maintenance on them and none of them had to be replaced. Utilities was able to take credit on each of these items.

BOARD MEMBER SANDBERG MOVED AND BOARD MEMBER EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BLUCHER POOLE CLARIFYING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES. 2 MEMBERS ABSENT, (HENKE AND VAUGHT).

CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM FOR JEFF EHMAN REGARDING WORK PERFORMED FOR LAKE LEMON CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:

This item was postponed for the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENTS AT LAKE LEMON RECEIVED FROM ANDREW FRANKLIN:

Attorney Renfrow said that she would give a very brief presentation because this item should go to the Property and Planning Subcommittee. Andrew Franklin acquired a piece of property that he thought had a house on it by Lake Lemon . The City of Bloomington Utilities department actually owns a little piece of land by the lake and it has been discovered that Mr. Franklin's house is actually located on that piece of property. Some of his neighbors have also located buildings on his property. He would like to negotiate the property lines so that everyone's buildings end up on their own property.

Mr. Franklin thanked the USB for considering this. He says that the survey error was caused by a section line runs through the middle of his property. He said that he would be happy to incur the survey expenses.

Board President Swafford said that he would send this request to the Property and Planning Subcommittee.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was presented.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board President Swafford reported that the Engineering Subcommittee had met with the Monroe County Plan Commission Executive Committee on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Swafford reminded the board that the County had requested a sewer extension into the county last fall. The USB had requested information about just where they would like the sewers to extend to. At the meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Plan Commission Executive Committee presented the Engineering Committee with a packet of plans regarding future growth in the County. Mr. Swafford said that he has asked the staff to look at the plans to determine where it is not possible to consider any expansions. He asked the USB to review the packages of information and direct any questions to him or Utilities Director Murphy.

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## STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy Director Langley reported that Lake Lemon is suffering from sedimentation. The Lake Lemon Conservancy District has contacted Commonwealth Engineering to remove the sediment. City of Bloomington Utilities Department owns a parcel of land that the District would like to deposit the sediment on. Mr. Langley is preparing an information packet for the USB that he will distribute in the near future. The sediment has been tested for contaminants. Mr. Langley can make that information available on request.

Utilities Director Murphy introduced Michael Horstman who was recently hired as the Assistant Director of Finance.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

## ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President